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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: JULY 27 POLADS MEETING

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1. AT JULY 27 MEETING, POLADS REVIEWED ISD/149 AND THEMES ADDENDUM, ACCEPTED MOST US CHANGES, MADE FEW OTHER CHANGES, AND AGREED WITH CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION THAT THE IS PREPARE COMPLETE REVISED TEXTS FOR FINAL REVIEW AND UPDATING AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF ILLUSTRATIVE CBMS RESOLUTION, CHAIRMAN AND MOST REPS WELCOMED US PROPOSED FORMULATION ON STRENGTHENING SMALLER MANEUVER NOTIFICATION OBLIGATION, AS WELL AS US EXPLANATION (PARA 3B, REF A) WHICH MOST REPS FOUND CONVINCING. AT CONCLUSION OF LONG DEBATE, ALL REPS EXCEPT NORWEGIANS AND TURKS, WHO PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FORMULATION, BELIEVED THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT US PROPOSAL. SOME, HOWEVER, PROPOSED REPLACING WORDS "SMALLER-SCALE" WITH WORD "THOSE" IN US LANGUAGE (PARA 3B REF A), SO THAT US FORMULATION COULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS ESTABLISHING THE NUMERICAL RANGE FOR "SMALLER-SCALE"

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MANEUVERS AT 10,000 TO 25,000. REPS WHO MAINTAINED PREFERENCE FOR "THOSE" ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PHRASE "(IN THE FIRST INSTANCE)" WOULD REMOVE PRESUMPTION AGAINST NOTIFICATION OF STILL SMALLER-SCALE MANEUVERS, AND ACCORDINGLY WELCOMED THIS PHRASE.

3. POLADS HAD CONFLICTING INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING INFORMA-

TION CONTENT OF NOTIFICATIONS. SOME BELIEVED US PROPOSAL FOR SPECIFIC OBLIGATION TO INCLUDE IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR UNITS AT THE REGIMENTAL LEVEL AND ABOVE WOULD BE SEEN AS CONFRONTATIONAL BY THE EAST, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RELEVANT MBFR EXPERIENCE. US REP URGED SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL IN CAPITALS AND INSISTED ON RETAINING LANGUAGE COVERING THIS POINT, WHICH OTHERS BRACKETED. IS WILL EXTENSIVELY REVISE TEXT OF RESOLUTION, WHICH CHAIRMAN HOPES CAN BE REVIEWED AGAIN AUGUST 9.

4. WE WILL REPORT DETAILS OF CHANGES WITH REVISED TEXTS WHEN THEY ARE CIRCULATED.

5. POLADS WILL TAKE UP SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF B) ON AUGUST 2. PEREZ

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